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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a novel class of compounds, represented by the formula below, wherein the meanings of G, E, E, n, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> et R<sub>4</sub> are indicated therein, which are cysteine protease inhibitors, including but not limited to, inhibitors of cathepsins K, L, S and B. These compounds are useful for treating diseases in which inhibition of bone resorption is indicated, such as osteoporosis.

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